

- Training of Health functionaries.

Further, an Expert Team has been constituted on 28th May, 1996 by the Govt. of India to assess the implementation of the kala-azar Control activities in Bihar and West Bengal and suggest measures to ensure effective implementation of the programme.

#### Interim Report of Pay Committee

1270. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UGC has received any Interim Report from the Pay Committee constituted to consider and suggest the pay scales of Professors, Readers and Lecturers of the Universities and Colleges; and

(b) the time by which the final report is expected to be received by the UGC for fixation of pay scales of Professors, Readers and Lecturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the terms of reference of the UGC Pay Review Committee, it would make its recommendations in regard to the pay scales of University and College teachers in the light of the 5th Pay Commission recommendations in respect of revision of pay scales of Central Government employees.

#### Inter State Water Disputes

1271. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has been laying greater emphasis on the settlement of Inter-State water disputes;

(b) if so, what are the Inter-State water disputes pending for settlement;

(c) whether there has been an inordinate delay on the scuti of those disputes;

(d) if so, the steps taken to resolve the disputes at an early date; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per the existing practice efforts are made to solve the water disputes through negotiations with the basin states. In case, the efforts do not fructify and if any of the basin States approaches the Central Government to set up a Tribunal, the same is set up under Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 to adjudicate. There is also a proposal for adopting National Policy Guidelines for water sharing.

(b) to (e). At present, there are two Inter-State Water Disputes, namely : (i) Cauvery Water Disputes & (ii) Ravi-Beas Water Disputes.

In case of Cauvery Water Disputes, the Tribunal has conducted 90 hearings till date.

In the case of Ravi-Beas Water Disputes, it has not been possible to hold the sittings of the Tribunal due to the resignation of one of the Members of the Tribunal.

#### Indo-Iran Chemical Deal

1272. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news item captioned "Clinton administration to probe India-Iran chemical deal" appearing in 'The Economic Times', New Delhi dated June 30, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to clarify India's stand on this commercial deal with Iran?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. US Administration have conveyed their apprehension about the possibility of the pesticide plant being used for chemical weapon purposes.

(c) Government have conveyed that India is committed to nonproliferation of chemical weapons and honouring its international commitment under the Chemical Weapons Convention to which it is a signatory.

#### Birth Rate

1273. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual birth-rate in the country at present;

(b) the target of birth-rate by the year 2000;

(c) whether the Government are satisfied that as per the measures undertaken so far, the progress in the decline in the birth-rate would make the target achievable;

(d) if not, the additional measures which are under consideration;

(e) whether the Government propose to examine the desirability of debarring such people from voting or standing for election who have more than 3 children after a retrospective date; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF Medical College, Health and Family Welfare (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL) : (a) latest Sample Registration birth rate in the country is 28. (b) 28. (c) (d) (e) (f) for the year 1994. College, Bhopal College, Jabalpur